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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Administrators
Corporate Office Directors

FROM: Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr.
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Under Secretary of Commerce for
Oceans and Atmosphere

SUBJECT: 2005 Distinguished Career Award Recipients

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "C. Lautenbacher, Jr.", in dark ink.

NOAA is pleased to announce the winners of the 2005 Distinguished Career Award. The Career Awards will be presented along with the Bronze Medal Awards at the annual NOAA Honor Awards ceremony on **Friday, March 17, 2006**. The ceremony will take place at [Andrew Mellon Auditorium](#).

The day's celebration begins at 8:15 a.m. with a breakfast in the Mellon's Green Rooms. The awards presentation follows, and the ceremony will conclude with coffee and dessert. The program is scheduled to end at approximately 12:00 p.m. Due to space limitations, attendance at the ceremony will be by invitation only.

The Mellon Auditorium is located at 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W. in Washington, D.C. Visitors can use the Metro's Orange or Blue Lines and arrive at the Mellon via the [Federal Triangle station](#).

Please join me in congratulating the following employees for their dedicated service to NOAA and selection for the 2005 Distinguished Career Awards:

Edward T. Baker

Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

For enduring scientific leadership, innovative research into fundamental processes of Earth-ocean interaction, and visionary expansion of NOAA research to a global scale.

Ann Helen Georgilas

Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

For exceptional proficiency and consistency of excellence in administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of NOAA and its predecessor agency for the past thirty-nine years.

Rebecca A. Williams

Workforce Management Office

In recognition of sustained dedication, distinguished professionalism and extraordinary advisory services in human resources management throughout a thirty-four year career at NOAA.

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Douglas L. Namian

National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service

For exemplary management of complex satellite operational and acquisition budgets for more than thirty-two years of NOAA service.

Christopher Mantzaris

National Marine Fisheries Service

For leadership, indefatigable energy, the courage to make difficult choices, and sensitivity to fellow workers in guiding the growth of the NOAA Fisheries' Northeast Regional Office into the largest of the six regional offices.

Michael Sissenwine

National Marine Fisheries Service

For significantly improving the scientific basis for managing living marine resources in the U.S. and advancing understanding of the world's ocean resources.

Tim D. Smith

National Marine Fisheries Service

For outstanding professional contributions to NOAA's domestic and international activities supporting the conservation of marine species worldwide.

Usha Varanasi

National Marine Fisheries Service

For thirty years as both a scientist and leader, significantly advancing the field of ecotoxicology, applying research to pressing environmental challenges, and creating a high-performing NOAA Fisheries organization.

Billy D. Causey

National Ocean Service

For protecting and managing the marine ecosystem of the Florida Keys as a champion of coral reefs and other important marine resources throughout fifteen years with NOAA.

William M. Stoney

National Ocean Service

For continued efforts in improving the analysis of water level data and the procedures for the calculation of tidal datums for over thirty years of service to NOAA.

Joseph A. Uravitch

National Ocean Service

For tireless commitment to improving federal, state, local, and private sector management of the nation's coastal, ocean, and Great Lakes resources throughout twenty-six years of NOAA service.

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Timothy Crum

National Weather Service

For leadership forging enduring operational processes and technical advances, assuring success of the Nation's Doppler Weather Radar Program.

Miles B. Lawrence

National Weather Service

For reducing hurricane-related losses in both the U.S. and abroad during thirty-nine years as a NOAA/NWS National Hurricane Center forecaster.

Barbara Poppe

National Weather Service

For extraordinarily innovative and successful efforts to provide space weather information to decision makers, schools, and the general public.

Joseph Sela

National Weather Service

For pioneering efforts to construct NOAA's operational global spectral weather forecast model and to continue its upgrades over a twenty-five year period.

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